real problem. This is bound to be a problem for some time until everybody accepts it. So far as Government is concerned, since there is a standardised code now and the Government is satisfied that this is the best so far. we will certainly ask the other institutions to fall in line.

As I said, if there are further improvements, say after five years or ten years, naturally, we will switch over to them. But this has happened in every country, everywhere machine languages have been tried. There has been so much of innovation and quick innovation and it has led to some confusion but finally, everything will find its level and I have no doubt that this will happen here also.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Sir, all these institutions have been involved in drafting the Code. So, they won't oppose it.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Sir, the generation is changing very fast.

Diploma in Computer Application Course in Hindi Medium

*780. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when Hindi medium was introduced in the Diploma in Computer Application Course;

(b) the number of books on each subject and video lectures prepared in Hindi since then;

(c) the scheme to accelerate production of books, videos, etc. for computer courses in Hindi medium; and

(d) the model centre to coordinate preparation of course material for computer course in Hindi medium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCEWS AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Diploma in Computer Application in Hindi medium was introduced in 1984.

(b) At present, 9 books are available in Hindi medium for the following subjects on Computer:-

– Introduction to Computers	:	4
– Computer Programming	:	2
– Computer Hardware	:	1
– Computer Glossary Book	:	1
– Computer Assisted Learning	:	1

However, at present, there are no video lectures available in Hindi Medium for the course.

(c) Government has instituted an award scheme for authors writing original books on Electronics (including Computers).

(d) The Department of Electronics and the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology under the Ministry of Human Resource Development are coordinating the preparation of course material for computer courses in the Hindi Medium.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: Which are the nodal centres co-originating the computer courses through Hindi medium?

[*English*]

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Sir, there are nine institutions which have been functioning, since 1984. We have been funding them. If the Member wants the list I will give it to him. There are nine institutions spread all over the country. I will send him

the list if he wants me to read out all the names here, I will read them out.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: We would like to know about the details of schemes formulated for preparing books, video-lectures etc. in Hindi for computer courses.

[*English*]

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Sir, up to now, nine books have been produced for computer training in the Hindi language. We have been trying to get more writers to help with the books to be produced. We have a scheme of giving assistance to writers to encourage more writing and we also have a prized scheme for the best books in the language in computer training. I do admit that not much really has been achieved and we are very keen to improve and increase the production of these books for training in Indian languages.

[*Translation*]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Sir, I would like to ask the hon. Minister the extent of financial assistance that is being given to institutes working in the field of computers using Hindi medium, during the last three years.

MR. SPEAKER: Such questions are put in writing.

[*English*]

In future, you can follow it.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Sir, we have a programme for all the languages together, TDIL Programme. For the year 1991 - for one year - the Budget allocation was Rs. 2 crore and out of that Rs. 25 lakh was spent for the development of the Hindi language itself.

If he wants a break-up of grants - institution-wise - I will have to send the detailed list to him to show what is paid to each institution and for what programme.

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: The hon. Minister has stated, in her reply, that there are no video lectures available in Hindi and also the Government has instituted some awards to the basic writers in this field.

Is there any scheme - because the people who would like to read now-a-days, would like to learn through video lectures - being considered wherein the lectures can be prepared? How much money in the form of awards is being given for this purpose and how many such awards are being given?

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: At the moment, we have no awards for the production of video tapes. We have such awards only for textbooks.

For production of books, the first prize is Rs. 10,000, the second prize is Rs. 7,500 and the third prize is Rs. 5,000.

The question of preparing tapes for training programme has been taken up by us but it has not been found that in the initial stage, you can really teach all subjects by distance education (with a video tape) until, we have enough expertise and experts to produce them. We do not plan to go into computer teaching by video tapes immediately.

All India Radio Station at Tezpur

*783. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the proposal to start an AIR station at Tezpur by the middle of 1991 stands at present; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in the commissioning of the station?